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SPECTRUM USER CHARGES FOR G MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalized a proposal regarding spectrum user charges for stand-alone Third Generation (3G) mobile service operators and one time levy on those operators having over 6.2 MHz of spectrum:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the proposal regarding lock in period on stake sales by promoters of new telecom companies; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) The proposal to levy annual spectrum charges for stand alone 3G mobile operators and levying of one time charges for spectrum over 6.2 MHz are under consideration and is likely to be finalized shortly.

(c) & (d) The proposal regarding lock-in period for sale of equity of promoters of UAS Licencee company is under consideration.